

— Child Development Clinic —
REFERRAL & DIAGNOSIS
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Concern

If you have concerns about your pre-school child's development, either by observation or indicated by a clinician, daycare, or school, visit your child's primary care provider to discuss.

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Referral

Referrals must come from a Family Doctor, Pediatrician, or Nurse Practitioner. They will complete and submit the referral to the clinic.

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Forms

Once the clinic has processed the referral, general information forms are mailed to the family. These must be completed and returned to be placed on the waitlist. Your position on the waitlist is based the date the referral was received. Forms are also sent to the daycare/preschool if applicable.

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Waitlist Resources

While waiting for the developmental assessment (approx. 18 months) you may wish to attend a monthly virtual pre-assessment information session or access videos on common topics related to ASD on the RCC website. If you have a specific concern or questions **at any point in the process**, contact one of the ASD Social Workers.

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Specialized Assessments

If further testing is required, your child may be seen by an Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, or scheduled for an Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS). **This step may happen prior to OR following the developmental assessment.**

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Developmental Assessment

You will receive a phone call from the clinic to schedule your child's assessment with a Developmental Pediatrician, Pediatrician, or Psychologist. You will receive a letter confirming your appointment. If appropriate, a diagnosis will be provided at the end of this assessment.

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